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SUBJ: MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES FROM HONG KONG TO MACAU

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1. GROUP OF REFUGEES MOVED TO MACAU ON SEPT. 1 WAS 117 PERSONS
RATHER THAN 114 REPORTED REFTEL. THREE REFUGEES WERE ADDED
AS FERRY WAS PREPARING TO LEAVE FOR MACAU.

2. DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) IN MACAU VISITED
CONGEN SEPT. 6 AND PRESENTED MORE OPTIMISTIC ACCOUNT THAN
DID SAMPATKUMAR. HE SAID THAT UNDERSECRETARY FOR SOCIAL
SERVICES TENTATIVELY AGREED DURING SAMPATKUMAR VISIT TO
ACCEPT 600 MORE REFUGEES IN TRANSIT FROM HONG KONG, BUT
WANTS SUFFICIENT RESERVE CAPACITY ON HAND TO ACCOMMODATE
DIRECT ARRIVALS. CRS DIRECTOR SAID A NEW FACILITY, A
SUMMER CAMP WITH BUILDINGS AND BEDS IN PLACE, IS BEING
OBTAINED. HE IS HOPEFUL THAT IT COULD BE READY NEXT
WEEK, BUT THIS WILL DEPEND ON INCREASING WATER CAPACITY.
ONCE FACILITY IS READY, HE SAID THAT 300 REFUGEES COULD
BE MOVED THERE AND PLANS COULD BE LAID FOR AN ADDITIONAL
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3. JUST BEFORE DEPARTING HONG KONG, SAMPATKUMAR CALLED TO
ASK THAT CONGEN PREPARE LIST OF 300 CAT I THROUGH III
REFUGEES WHO HAVE BEEN APPROVED (CLEARANCES, INS INTERVIEWED
AND MEDICAL RESULTS) FOR MOVEMENT TO MACAU. HE SAID THAT
DATE OF MOVEMENT WOULD DEPEND ON MACAU.

4. WHEN ASKED ABOUT FUTURE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, CRS DIRECTOR SAID THEY WOULD BE MINIMAL. HE SAID THAT SAMPATKUMAR TOLD MACAU SOCIAL WELFARE THAT UNHCR WOULD PAY FOR ANY NECESSARY CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, BUT CRS DIRECTOR WOULD TRY TO HAVE SOCIAL WELFARE RESIST TEMPTATION TO DO MORE THAN BARE MINIMUM.

5. CRS DIRECTOR ALSO REPORTED HE RECEIVED LETTER FROM UNHCR OFFICIAL HOMAN-HERIMBERG STATING HE WOULD ARRIVE HONG KONG SEPT. 10. HE SAID HE IS PERSONAL FRIEND OF HOMAN-HERIMBERG FROM DAYS WHEN LATTER RAN UNHCR OFFICE IN MACAU. SHOESMITH

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